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SUBJECT: Review of R&A No. 2863 for JISPB

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This document describes and evaluates the readily available maps and charts of Kwangtung Province (including Hainan Island). The description and evaluation of each series of maps is however, only partially complete.

This document would be more valuable to those working on Kwangtung if the material for each set were organized under appropriate headings such as name, scale, number of sheets, publisher's number, projection, colors, dates, language, terrain, drainage pattern, vegetation, transportation, etc. It is important to know whether or not each set shows such things as transportation and terrain, to know the form in which it is presented, and to have an estimated accuracy rating. This would permit comparisons between the several series of maps of, for example, transportation routes.

The document does not measure up to OSS standards with respect to editing and proof reading. Proper editing and proof reading would have eliminated many errors, not all of which are typographical:

1. Using numerals on page 2, and spelling out numbers on page 3.
2. Frequent use of "the Kwangtung Province."
3. Considering Hainan Island as separate from Kwangtung (Line 1, p. 1), although Hainan is part of Kwangtung province.
4. Rough sentences such as:
"The reliability and information shown on these maps...." (p. ii).
"The drainage pattern omits most of the tributaries and river courses usually omit meanders." (p. 4).
"To compensate for this, the distances in between selected towns are given" (p. 4).
5. Repeated errors in spelling:
"catagory" for "category", pp. 12, 15; "analyses" for "analysis", p. ii; "in" for "is", p. 6; "stipling" for "stippling", p. 11.

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